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### **In Third Street Park**

On Sunday, Kids' activities and live music by local acts will add to the seventh annual Homeward Bound 5K Walk, noon-3:30 p.m. at the park between Lincoln and Washington streets. One hundred volunteers will be at the event to raise money to address housing and hunger and homelessness issues in the Bloomington area. On stage, IU women's a cappella group Ladies First will perform, as well as blues band Bated Breath; plus musicians throughout the route walk will include Busman's Holiday, Mitch Rice and Aaron Persinger, to name a few; as well as African drums and dancing by Doctor Jobi and Harmony. Chris Ramsey of Kingsnake will DJ the event. Master of ceremonies is Susan Sandsberg. The Kids' Island will have children's activities provided by a group called Grow from IU (interactive games, storytelling, drawing and talking about homes and homelessness). Food will be furnished by Lions Club and water by City of Bloomington Utilities.

Last year, 500 participants raised \$64K, with funds going to a dozen local organizations. This year, they hope to raise the bar to \$70,000, to help fund programs for Amethyst House, Area 10 Agency on Aging, Centerstone, Community Kitchen, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Martha's House, Middle Way House, Monroe County United Ministries, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Shalom Community Center, Stepping Stones and the Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County. To donate or participate, contact Kathy Mayer or Janet Cravens at 349-3430, or see [www.homewardboundindiana.org/bloomington](http://www.homewardboundindiana.org/bloomington).